
OVERLIVE YOUR STAY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC WITHOUT SHAME

When you come to the Czech Republic, it is well to know, how to behave in some situations. So this text will be about culturally sensitive issues in our country.

When you go to the shop, it is propriety to greet. You should say “Dobrý den” in Czech, than it is possible, that they did not impose you☺. A man greets woman, younger person greets older person and so on. When someone wants to say “good bye”, it is contrariwise. If you come to the room and there are other people, it is polite to greet first.

When people have a meeting, for example dealings, they shake hands with each other. You only give your hand to other and gently squeeze – never wiggle-waggle (move up and down). You ought to be also careful who offers a hand. You should remember that it is the “opposite” of greeting. Woman offers hand to man, older person to younger and people from higher society to those from “lower”.

In public transportation people firstly get out of the wagon and than get in. When you sit for example in a bus and an old or pregnant person come, you should give him/her your seat. When there is a person with a baby-coach, you should help her to get in (get on).

When you go to the opera or for example a theatre, you should come on time.

To come on meeting in company or to someone’s home early is disrespect as well as come late.

Man is the first, who goes downstairs (in front of woman). But he goes as last, when the couple goes upstairs. Man goes as the first to the pub. In other places he holds door and the woman goes firs.

I hope that you will enjoy staying in the Czech Republic longer, than you planned before you read this information and it will be pleasure for you and for local people around you too.

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